



Job Situation

Working with other pharmacists, physicians, nurses, pharmacy technicians or pharmacy assistants in a hospital setting often doing rounds with the physicians on certain wards

Weekly Hours of Work

40

Overtime

0

Monthly Salary

\$7,000

Student Loan – Owing

\$26,000

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$380

Duties

Promote health and wellness. Explain drug therapy instructions. Advise in drug selection. Educate patients about medication.

Prospects

Oncology, cardiology, psychiatry, infectious disease, critical care, pediatrics or geriatrics, pharmaceutical companies

Job Title

Pharmacist

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

3131

Job Description

Your job is to dispense and hand out medications that have been prescribed by doctors. People come in and give you their written prescriptions and then shop for twenty or so minutes while you are filling it.

You spend those twenty minutes finding the right medication for the prescription, attempting to make out the doctor's scribbles and looking up the customer's file. You need to know what other medications your customers are taking to avoid any dangerous drug interactions. Two separate drugs by themselves may be good, but together their effectiveness might change.

To obtain this job you had to pass the qualifying exams and obtain a Master's Degree. Your Bachelor's Degree in science had provided you with a basic knowledge of what many of these medications did, but it needed to be more in depth. Daily you must provide clients information about the safe consumption of their medications. You use your pharmaceutical knowledge to inform them the conditions that are necessary. For example, they may not be able to drink alcohol or eat certain foods.

You have the responsibility of your clients as well as the responsibility of organizing your staff. You now have several pharmacy techs working for you. You know how important it is to look over their work to ensure it is free of error and to help them learn, just as someone once did for you. It's a lot of work, but you couldn't be happier.